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To: Members of the Appropriations Committee

It has come to my attention that there was a misstatement made at the Foster Care Review Board's Appropriation Hearing. I re-examined the transcript of Lydia Daniel's testimony before the Appropriations Committee on February 24, 2011. During her testimony, after she had spoken about gaps in the placement and case history, she answered Senator Harms' question, "Are they (DHHS) aware of all this?" by stating the following:

"As it stands from a tracking, absolutely not. It would be impossible to do that. If a worker sits down and looks on the system, the history is not there. *They only keep a year's worth of placements on their side of N-FOCUS...*"

The statement that, "*They (DHHS) only keep a year's worth of placements on their side of N-FOCUS*" was a misstatement. I would like to apologize for the misstatement, which Ms. Daniel did not knowingly make. She misspoke as she had been speaking to both caseworker history and placement situations.

Sincerely,

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